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INDIA
A Paradox of Wisdom and Spirituality

Sunday, November 21 to Friday, December 10, 2010



The incredible cultural tapestry of the Indian subcontinent provides lasting impressions of its evolving synthesis of Occident and Orient, an interaction that can be compared to a mirror reflecting in opposite directions. Garry Burns and Michael Quinn will be your hosts on a twenty-day tour of this magnificent country's life, culture, art, religion and history.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day 1 – Sunday, November 21:

Departure in the late afternoon from Toronto's Pearson International Airport with Jet Airways service direct to New Delhi, India. Dinner, breakfast and lunch will be served.

Day 2 - Monday, November 22: **Delhi**

India's capital and major gateway: a bustling metropolis successfully combining the ancient and modern. The contrast of Mughal and Raj; of Old Delhi and New; a walled city of tradition and culture with glimpses of a past lifestyle; a city wrestling with 21st Century standards!

Late evening arrival at Delhi International Airport where we meet our Indian Agency hosts. Baggage and escort assistance from the airport to our coach. Transfer to the very comfortable Hotel Lalit. Registration and bed!

The Lalit

Day 3 - Tuesday, November 23: Delhi - Udaipur

After breakfast, a morning city sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi; visits or sites will include; Qutab Minar, India Gate (War Memorial), Lakshmi Narayan Temple, the President's House, Parliament House, the Secretariat Buildings, the Raj Ghat-cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, Jama Masjid, the Red Fort and Chandni Chowk, the shopping centre of Old Delhi. In the mid-afternoon, we board our flight to Udaipur where we will be met and escorted to our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace

Day 4 - Wednesday, November 24: Udaipur

On the periphery of the Great Indian Desert State of Rajasthan is the City of Lakes – Udaipur. Founded in 1599 by Maharana Udai Singh, son of the legendary Maharana Pratap of Mewar, this 'Venice of the East' is a jewel tucked away in the Aravalli Hills. Its palaces, forts and bazaars make Udaipur not only unique and unforgettable but also a reflection of a by-gone age when chivalry nurtured royalty and culture flowered.

The day begins with breakfast at our hotel before beginning a morning city sightseeing tour of Udaipur with visits to the City Palace, the Jagdish Temple, Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandir (Folk Art Museum), Fatehsagar Lake, Pratap Smarak, Sajjan Niwas Garden and Sahelion-Ki-Bari – a Queen's resort. After time for lunch, we enjoy an afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola, a 4 km long vista of splendid hills, palaces, temples, bathing ghats and embankments. A tour of the island palace, Jag Niwas, beautifully set in the lake, completes the day before returning to our hotel and dinner.

The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace

Day 5 - Thursday, November 25: Udaipur - Ranakpur - Jodhpur

This morning we coach to Ranakpur. Upon arrival we tour the Jain Temple complex. Built in the 15th century, the temples are situated in the lovely valley of the Aravali, a quiet and picturesque surrounding that could only have encouraged contemplation. The grand structures and beautiful sculpture of Ranakpur and indeed of Surya Temple continue to be greatly enhanced by the magic play of light and shade. With lunch enroute, we arrive in the late afternoon at Jodhpur, the second largest city in Rajasthan. Hotel registration, then time to relax before dinner at the hotel.

Bal Samand Garden Retreat

Day 6 - Friday, November 26: Jodhpur - Jaipur

Founded in 145 9AD by Rao Jodha, a claimed descendent of Lord Rama, Jodhpur, with its multi-gated bastioned walls and massive Fort Mehrangarh, quickly became a flourishing fortress city and dominant trading centre by the end of the 16th century.

Following breakfast, a city tour of Jodhpur including the Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone hill, Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal. Before finishing the morning, we visit Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble Memoriam built in 1899. In the afternoon after lunch, we travel to Jaipur in time for early evening registration and dinner.

Rajputana Sheraton

Day 7 - Saturday, November 27: Jaipur

The capital city of the state of Rajasthan. Today, though popularly known as "Pink City" due to the pink paint applied to buildings in its old walled city during the 1883 visit of Prince Albert, its architecture has remained unchanged since Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II began construction in 1727. The palaces and forts of yesteryear that were once witness to royal procession and splendor are now living monuments, accepted quite naturally into the lifestyles of the people of the pink city. Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed.

This morning we travel by elephant up the access road to the gates of the Amber Fort, once the ancient capital of the State. Our tour will include the Jagmandir or Hall of Victory - the Rajasthan

counterpart to Versailles' Hall of Mirrors, the Jai Mahal and the Temple of Kali. The descent on elephant back offers a greater appreciation of the fort's spectacular location.

We lunch in the city before continuing with the afternoon's sightseeing programme; a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace, the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), the Royal Observatory, Ram Niwas Gardens, Albert Hall and the Museum. We end the day with a drive through the business and residential areas of the "Pink City". Dinner this evening in our hotel. ***Rajputana Sheraton***

Day 8 – Sunday, November 28: Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri - Agra

Agra today, with its laid-back lifestyle and immense wealth of architecture, handicrafts and jewellery, is among the most remarkable cities of the world. Its ambience continues to pay homage to its long association with the Mughal Empire beginning with Babar in 1526 and reaching its zenith under the rule of Akbar, Shah Jehan and Jehangir, when it became a leading centre of art, science, commerce and culture.

This morning a leisurely breakfast before we begin our travel day to Agra. Lunch enroute and an afternoon arrival at Fatehpur Sikri the 'Deserted City'. Built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great in 1569, it was eventually abandoned it has been said in part for pragmatic political reasons but more probably for the scarcity of water. Remarkably well preserved, we see the Halls of Public and Private Audience, the Royal Apartments and the Panch Mahal. The Jumma Masjid and the exquisite tomb of Salim Chisti offer insight into the religious mores of the time. Late afternoon arrival in Agra with ample time to refresh before dinner. ***The Mughal***

Day 9 - Monday, November 29: Agra

This morning we depart before dawn in order to witness the sun rise over the world famous Taj Mahal, the tomb built by the Moghul Emperor Shahjehan in 1630 for his queen, Mumtaz Mahal. We return to the hotel for breakfast.

Later we continue our sightseeing at the 16th-century Mughal monument known as the Red Fort of Agra situated close to the gardens of the Taj Mahal. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompassed, within its 2.5-km-long enclosure walls, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Today it provides an intimate look into their lives and times: fairy-tale palaces such as the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal, built by Shah Jahan; audience halls such as the Diwan-i-Khas; and two exquisite mosques. Rest of the day at leisure.....shopping anyone? Dinner in our hotel.

The Mughal

Day 10 - Tuesday, November 30: Agra-Gwalior

We leave Agra this morning after breakfast and drive to the state of Madhya Pradesh arriving in the city of Gwalior in time for a late lunch before hotel registration. In the afternoon we tour the old city visiting the Man Mandir, Gujari Mahal (today an archaeological museum), The Fort, Temples of Sas-Bahu, Teli Ka Mandir, Jai Vilas Palace, the Tomb of Gaus Mohammad and the Mausoleum of Tansen. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening in our hotel.

Taj Usha Kiran Palace

Day 11 - Wednesday, December 1: Gwalior-Bhopal

Bhopal today is the capital of the state of Madhya Pradesh and built on the site of Bhojpal, an 11th Century city founded by the Parmara King Bhoj (1000-1055). The original name was derived from Bhoj and pal (a dam) that he is said to have constructed and consequently formed the lakes now surrounding present day Bhopal.

We leave the hotel this morning in time to transfer to the railway station and board the Shatabdi Express which will take us to Bhopal where we will be greeted by our agency representative and provided with baggage assistance. After lunch, a city tour visiting the Upper and Lower Lakes,

Laxmi Narayan Temple, Birla Museum, Kilol Park, Kamla Park, Moti Masjid, Sadar Manzil and Taj-ul-Masjid. Before hotel registration we drive past Vidhan Sabha, Tagore Memorial and the National Archives of India. Early evening at leisure before dinner. *Jehan Numa Palace*

Day 12 - Thursday, December 2: **Bhopal-Jhansi-Orchha**

An early departure after breakfast for a unique morning visit to **Sanchi**, only 68 km. north of Bhopal. Its uniqueness lies not only for having the most perfect and well preserved stupas (burial mounds), but also for offering a visitor the opportunity to see, in one location, the genesis, flowering, and decay of Buddhist art and architecture during a period of about 1500 years, a period virtually covering the entire range of Indian Buddhism. This is surprising since Sanchi was neither hallowed by any incident in Buddha's life nor was it the focus of any significant event in the history of Buddhism. Lunch followed by transfer to the railway station where we once again board the Shatabdi Express for Jhansi. Upon arrival, baggage assistance and transfer to our hotel in time for dinner. *Hotel Amar Mahal*

Day 13 - Friday, December 3: **Orchha-Khajuraho**

Following breakfast, a morning tour of the medieval city. Orchha's grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time and has left a rich legacy to the ages. Its temples, built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th centuries have retained much of their pristine perfection. Jehangir Mahal, a tiered palace crowned by graceful chatries (cenotaphs) offers a spectacular vista of spires. After lunch we coach to Khajuraho. Time to settle in, dinner and an evening classical dance show. *The Lalit Temple View*

Day 14 - Saturday, December 4: **Khajuraho-Bandhavgarh**

The Bandhavgarh National Park covers 44,884 hectares. Its steep cliffs, rocky hills, dense sal and bamboo forests make an ideal terrain for tigers. Wildlife such as the blue bull, panther, wild boar, gaur, chital sambar, chinkara, barking deer and bear abound. In the air, the paradise fly-catcher, Malabar pied hornbill and the orange headed ground thrush catch the eye.

Please note while in the Park, all meals will be included - breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Morning departure after breakfast. Our route this morning will take us to Bandhavgarh National Park in time for early afternoon registration and a late lunch in our hotel. Time to refresh before joining our Park guides who will introduce us to our first game viewing inside the Park. Evening return and dinner. *Kings Lodge*

Day 15 - Sunday, December 5: **Bandhavgarh**

Early morning game viewing inside the Park before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Remainder of morning at leisure...a little nap perhaps or join Garry and Michael for an introduction to Varanasi and the River Ganges. Lunch in our hotel before meeting our Park guides again for afternoon game viewing. Evening return and dinner. *Kings Lodge*

Day 16 - Monday, December 6: **Bandhavgarh- Khajuraho**

Early morning game viewing inside the Park and our last opportunity to see the wildlife of the region. Return to hotel for breakfast and departure to Khajuraho, a fascinating village with a quaint rural ambience but a rich cultural heritage. Its fascinating temples, India's unique gift of love to the world, represent the expression of a highly matured civilization. Following hotel registration and time permitting, we begin our village tour at the Jain Temple of Parasvanath, renowned for its sculptures on the Sanctum exterior walls. Dinner in the hotel. *The Lalit Temple View*

Day 17 - Tuesday, December 7: Khajuraho-Varanasi

We continue with our tour of Khajuraho after breakfast, visiting the Javeri Temple dedicated to Vishnu as well as those dedicated to Brahma, Yamuna and Adinath. Lunch in the community before a coach transfer to the airport and our flight for Varanasi where we will be met and assisted by Agency staff. Transfer to hotel. Before dinner we witness an Aarti ceremony on the River Ganges.

Ramada JHV

Day 18 - Wednesday, December 8: Varanasi

A city as old as Babylon, it is one of the holiest pilgrimage centres of India. Here, mornings begin with prayers at the ghats, a holy dip and the tinkling of temple bells. It bustles with people whose lives are focused on being devout Hindus, where social events mean religious festivals. This is a city soaked in devotion.

The day begins with an early morning boat cruise on the River Ganges to view the bathing ghats and cremation sites. The ritualistic bathing and worshipping at the ghats can only be one of the most extraordinary experiences to be witnessed by a visitor to India.

We return to the hotel for breakfast before continuing on to the Bharat Mata Temple with its huge marble relief map of India, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Banaras Hindu University and the Mosque of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb. Later, after lunch, an excursion to the buried Buddhist city of Sarnath. A renowned centre of learning from 6th C. BC to the 12th C. AD, today we visit its stupa, Buddhist temple and Museum. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure before dinner. *Ramada JHV*

Day 19 - Thursday, December 9: Varanasi-Delhi

A leisurely breakfast and morning set aside for personal choices. After lunch in the early afternoon, we transfer to the airport and our flight to Delhi. Transfer to the hotel and afternoon set aside for last minute souvenir shopping...carpets anyone? This evening, farewell dinner with our Indian hosts. Late evening transfer to Delhi International Airport for the 3:05 AM flight to Toronto. *The Lalit*

Day 20 - Friday, December 10: Delhi-Toronto

Departure in early morning with Jet Airways direct service to Toronto arriving at Pearson International Airport in the early afternoon.

Tour Cost from Toronto: \$5,645.00 CDN

Single Supplement: \$1,450.00 CDN

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

Any application with deposit received up to and including May 1, 2010, will be credited with a rebate of \$250.00 CDN at time of final invoice.

ACCOMMODATION

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The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace(H) www.thelalit.com
Bal Samand Garden Retreat(H) www.welcomheritage.com
Rajputana Sheraton (5) www.welcomgroup.in
The Mughal (5) www.welcomgroup.in
Taj Usha Kiran Palace (5) www.tajhotls.com
Jehan Numa Palace (H) www.jehanumapalace.com
Amar Mahal (H) www.alsisar.com
The Lalit Temple View (5) www.thelalit.com
Kings Lodge www.kingslodge.in
Ramada JHV (5) www.ramadajhvns.com

Included in the price are:

- International economy direct return air service Toronto-Delhi.
- Domestic economy air service as per itinerary.
- Train fare for sector Gwalior-Bhopal-Jhansi by Shatabdi Express in air-conditioned chair car class.
- Accommodation based on double/twin sharing room and half board (breakfast and dinner) basis for total of 18 nights.
- Accommodation in Bandhavgarh Park reflects Jungle Plan (all meals + jungle activities).
- Arrival / departure transfers, sightseeing/excursion tours as per itinerary using one air-conditioned large coach.
- Services of an English speaking guide from Delhi to Delhi.
- Entrance fees at the monuments and visitation sites.
- Lake Pichola, Udaipur cruise (subject to lake water level).
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur.
- Taj Mahal visit, Agra.
- River Ganges, Varanasi cruise.
- Local Agency arrival and departure assistance.
- Current Indian applicable taxes.
- Full time Pauwels Tour conductor.

- Complimentary garlanding with fresh flowers upon arrival at Delhi airport.
- A set of postcards to each group member.
- Surprise gift to each group member on final departure.
- A bottle of mineral water per person per day during overland journey by road.

Not included:

- The current combination of airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges at this time approx. \$405.00 but subject to change; the final amount will be reflected on the final invoice.
- All expenses of a personal nature.
- Beverages with dinners, and meals other than those outlined above.
- Coach driver gratuity.
- Travel Insurance, available as follows:

Deluxe Package Insurance:

Up to age 59:	\$357.48
Ages 60 to 64:	\$451.44
Ages 65 to 69:	\$524.88
Ages 70 to 74:	\$792.72
Ages 75 to 79:	Call for rates

Non Medical Insurance:

Up to age 59:	\$302.40
Ages 60 to 64:	\$353.16
Ages 65 to 69:	\$402.84
Ages 70 to 74:	\$461.16
Ages 75 to 79:	Call for rates

- With single supplement:

Deluxe Package Insurance:

Up to age 59:	\$417.96
Ages 60 to 64:	\$527.04
Ages 65 to 69:	\$615.60
Ages 70 to 74:	\$898.56
Ages 75 to 79:	Call for rates

Non Medical Insurance:

Up to age 59:	\$362.88
Ages 60 to 64:	\$428.76
Ages 65 to 69:	\$493.56
Ages 70 to 74:	\$567.00
Ages 75 to 79:	Call for rates

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 15 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
within 14 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s). All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates.

CURRENCY:

The tour cost is based on the current exchange rate of 1.1 CAD / 1 USD. Should the rate of exchange rise or fall by 5% or more, the tour cost will be adjusted accordingly.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ____ seat (s) on the "India" tour of November 21 – December 10, 2010.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)
Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the
balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

**WE NOW REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) TO
BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

Name as on passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag:
(e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE:(Home) _____ (Bus.) _____ (Fax/Email) _____

If traveling alone, please indicate your willingness to share accommodations: YES _____ NO _____

SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED: _____

(We will try to find a roommate for those willing to share, but cannot guarantee success in doing so.
For single travelers we are not able to match, the single supplement will apply.)

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, wheelchair assistance, frequent flyer number, twin beds, etc.):

Please list here so we can do our best to assist you:

I/we agree to the "terms and conditions" attached to the program.

Insurance, I/we accept:

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Decline Insurance _____

Signature (s) _____

If purchasing travel insurance, we require your date of birth:

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Signature: _____

Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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